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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the remarks provided below.

Applicant hereby authorizes the Office to charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account Number 50-1275.

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